Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Canistota, South Dakota, located in the northeast quarter of Section 34, Canistota Township, in McCook County, was platted on July 24, 1883; and,

WHEREAS, Canistota was monikered for Major Free whose hometown was Canastota, New York. However, an inadvertent misspelling at the Canistota post office caused the townspeople to begin using the new spelling; and,

WHEREAS, The first church service was conducted by the Reverend Peterson in October of 1878, the First Presbyterian Church was established on Tuesday, June 10, 1879, and, at this time the church presently located in Cameron, one mile southeast, was moved to Canistota and a building was constructed. All of the denominations of Canistota used the one building at that time until they could each build one of their own; and,

WHEREAS, Canistota was mainly first developed by the Mulhall brothers, known as the Mulhall Boom. These enterprising brothers from Sioux City, Iowa, built many farms and then took crops for payment or rent; and,

WHEREAS, The first newspaper was the Canistota Courier, started around 1898. However, no existing copies have been located. This paper was later named the Canistota Clipper, which started circulation in 1901; and,

WHEREAS, The first postmaster in Canistota was Joe Fetzner; the first doctor was Dr. Lowan; the first public school was organized in 1883; the first landowner was Michael O'Brinem; and the first Sport Day was organized by C.J. Uecker on July 26, 1907; and,

WHEREAS, The fine town of Canistota has endured such hardships as the Blizzard of '88, and yet has stayed alive for one hundred years and is today a community of proud citizens who extend a warm welcome to friends and strangers alike; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, Canistota will be celebrating its first one hundred years with festive music, a picnic, and other commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 12, 13, and 14, 1984, as

CANISTOTA CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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